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Sir:

Applicants submit this Correction in response to the Office Action, mailed January 15, 2004, and allowing three months for a response. This response is timely because an extension of the time for response (2 months) is being filed with this paper.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 3, 12 and 18.

1. A braking apparatus comprising:

a brake pedal operative to reduce vehicle speed and coupled to a brake position sensor, said brake position sensor being operative to generate a brake position signal;

a brake pedal actuator coupled to said brake pedal and operative to generate a variable brake feel force to said brake pedal;

a forward detection apparatus operative to detect vehicle distance and relative vehicle speed and generate a vehicle distance signal and a relative vehicle speed signal; and

a controller coupled to said brake pedal actuator and being operative to receive said brake position signal, said vehicle distance signal, and said vehicle speed signal, said controller including control logic operative to modify said variable brake feel force in proportion to said brake position signal, said vehicle distance signal and said vehicle speed signal, wherein said variable brake feel force induces a driver to apply an increased brake pedal force.